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SUBJECT: FRG REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM FOR CYPRUS

1. WEST GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY BRAUN VISITED CYPRUS NOVEMBER 27 - 29 TO STUDY PROBLEMS CREATED BY TURKISH INVASION AND SUBSEQUENT POPULATION DISLOCATIONS. IN PRESS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 29 BRAUN ANNOUNCED THAT FRG HAS ALLOCATED CYPRUS POUNDS 500,000 (US \$1,350,000) FOR REFUGEE RELIEF, WITH ADDITIONAL COMMODITIES VALUED AT CYPRUS POUNDS 500,000 PLANNED FOR FUTURE TRANCHE. FRG ALSO TO PROVIDE MIBILE MEDICAL TEAM AND FOOD SPECIALISTS TO ASSIST SCHOOLS FOR BLIND, DEAF, DUMB AND MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN. BRAUN SAID DISCUSSIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE WITH GOC ON QUESTION OF "BROADER ECONOMIC AID IN THE FORM OF LOANS AND FACILITATION OF INVESTMENTS IN CYPRUS BY WEST GERMAN INDUSTRIES". BRAUN AND PARTY MET WITH ACTING PRESIDENT CLERIDES AND VARIOUS GOC MINISTERS. THEY ALSO MET VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH IN HIS

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CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE "AUTOMOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT

ADMINISTRATION", AND PART OF GROUP SPENT ONE DAY TRAVELING IN TURKISH CONTROLLED ZONE.

2. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNSELOR OF FRG EMBASSY HERE, WE LEARNED THAT GERMAN AID PLANS INCLUDES PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF 2,300 HEATING STOVES, WINTER CLOTHING, BLANKETS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND INSTRUMENTS, EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, 4 VW AMBULANCES, RICE, WHEAT, EDIBLE OIL, AND CANNED MEAT. (SEVERAL THOUSAND LIGHT-WEIGHT UNWATERPROOFED TENTS, DELIVERED LAST SUMMER, PROVED UNSUITABLE AND ARE TO BE TAKEN BACK BY GERMANS). DELIVERY OF SOME ITEMS ALREADY MADE BY GERMAN AIR FORCE FLYING INTO AKROTIRI SBA.

3. FRG HAS DELIBERATELY CHOSEN ICRC RATHER THAN USE UNHCR AS VEHICLE FOR DISTRIBUTION. COMMODITIES ARE BEING HANDED OVER TO ICRC, WHICH DECIDES ON PROPORTIONS TO BE USED IN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN ZONES. FRG CONSCIOUS OF POTENTIAL POLITICAL EMBARRASSMENT THIS REGARD AND HAS MADE CLEAR THAT ICRC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING WHAT PORTION OF RELIEF SUPPLIES GOES NORTH TO TURKS. FRG HAS ALSO DELIBERATELY SHIED AWAY FROM CASH DONATIONS TO INDIVIDUALS. RELIEF EFFORT IS UNIQUELY IN FORM OF COMMODITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

4. FRG EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAID THAT BRAUN MISSION CAME AS SURPRISE TO EMBASSY (ONLY 24 HOUR ADVANCE NOTICE WAS GIVEN) AND THAT IMPETUS FOR CYPRUS AID PROGRAM WAS "GENTLE HINTS" FROM AMERICAN SOURCES IN BONN THAT FRG MIGHT DO MORE TO ASSIST IN CYPRUS REFUGEE RELIEF.

5. FOR BONN: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION YOU MAY OBTAIN REGARDING FRG REFUGEE AID PROGRAM.
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